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RE YOUR MUN 60 TODAY, HAVE CHECKED AVEPEE OFFICE IN NEW YORK, AND ALSO ASKED HILL TO CHECK WASHINGTON WIRE, ZWADIUK TO SCAN AVEPEE WIRE FOR 24 HOURS AT OPC AND ENDRST TO CHECK WITH AVEPEE COLLEAGUES AT UN. HAVE TURNED UP NO RPT NO STORY ON DEMONSTRATION AND ANTI-SEMITIC TENDENCIES OF POLISH REGIME EX WASHINGTON. ONLY AVEPEE STORY WHICH COULD FIND ON SUBJECT IS EX WARSAW, AND READS AS BELOW. WILL OUTWATCH ANY SUBSEQUENT MATERIAL ON AVEPEE WIRES BOTH HERE AND IN WASHINGTON AND FORWARD.

///WARSAW, POLAND, MARCH 12 (AP)---LIGHTS BURNED LATE IN THE POLISH COMMUNIST PARTY HEADQUARTERS LAST NIGHT AFTER STUDENT UNREST OVER CENSORSHIP OF A PLAY MUSHROOMED INTO POLAND'S WORST RIOT SINCE 1957.

THE GRAY, SLIT-WINDOWED PARTY HEADQUARTERS WAS ONE TARGET OF SEVERAL THOUSAND DEMONSTRATORS WHO FOUGHT RUNNING BATTLES WITH POLICE ON DOWNTOWN STREETS FOR SEVEN HOURS VESTERXL
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PARTY WORKERS WATCHED FROM THE WINDOWS AS THE STUDENTS HURLED ROCKS, STICKS AND BOTTLES AT POLICE RINGING THE BUILDING AND SHOUTED "GESTAPO!", "DEMOCRACY!" "FREEDOM!" AND "CONSTITUTION."

POLICE FINALLY DROVE THE DEMONSTRATORS AWAY WITH TEAR GAS, RUBBER TRUNCHEONS AND A WATER CANNON.

STEFAN CARDINAL WYSZYNSKY, POLAND'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMATE AND LONG AN OPPONENT OF THE COMMUNIST REGIME, CANCELED A SERMON AT ST. ANN'S CHURCH NEAR THE UNIVERSITY TO "AVOID WORSENING THE SITUATION," A SPOKESMAN SAID.

BY NIGHTFALL, A NERVOUS CALM PREVAILED. POLICE CARS CRUISED THROUGH BRICKS, GLASS AND SPENT TEARGAS CANISTERS, AND GUARDED AGAINST LOOTERS AT STORES WITH SMASHED WINDOWS.

THE CURRENT UNREST BEGAN WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S CLOSING IN JANUARY OF A 19TH CENTURY CLASSIC POLISH PLAY ABOUT THE CZARIST OPPRESSION OF POLAND. ABOUT 200 STUDENTS DEMONSTRATED THEN AND TWO LATER WERE EXPELLED FROM WARSAW UNIVERSITY.

GOVERNMENT PARTISANS NOW ARE BLAMING THE UNREST ON THE JEWS, TAKING THEIR CUE FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-ISRAELI POLICY IN THE WAKE OF THE JUNE WAR. THE PRO-REGIME CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER CLOWO POWSZECHNE SAID THE ZIONISTS, UNABLE TO FORGIVE POLISH COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER WLADYSLAW GOMULKA FOR "THE JUST ASSESSMENT OF ISRAEL'S AGGRESSION LAST JUNE," HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO PIT INTELLECTUALS AND YOUTH AGAINST THE REGIME.

AT A PARTY RALLY AT A BIG AUTOMOBILE PLANT NEAR WARSAW, WORKERS CARRIED SIGNS CONDEMNING THE DEMONSTRATIONS AND ONE READING "CLEAN THE ZIONISTS OUT OF THE PARTY."

POLICE REFUSED TO SAY HOW MANY PERSONS HAVE BEEN INJURED OR ARRESTED IN THE THREE DAYS OF VIOLENCE. BUT TRYBUNA LUDU, REPORTED THAT 30 PERSONS WERE TREATED AFTER THE CLASHES FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AND A FEW SCORE OF THE "MOST ACTIVE RIGNLEADERS" WERE DETAINED.

AT LEAST NINE STUDENTS ALREADY HAVE BEEN CONVICTED ON CHARGES OF INSULTING POLICE AND SENTENCED TO SEVERAL MONTHS IN PRISON.

END MSG

YESTERDAY THE THIRD DAY OF DISTURBANCES.
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